

Preliminary Plat Application Narrative

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INTRODUCTION:

The preliminary plat for Vivienda integrates the Property's desert setting as the foundation, creating an enjoyable community with the beauty of its natural setting. Adjacent to the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Vivienda offers residents a picturesque view of the sun rising above the mountains, providing a striking backdrop for the Community.

SITE LOCATION:

Situated at the northeast corner of Pinnacle Peak Road and 128th Street. Vivienda is an assemblage of nine (9) separate parcels totaling approximately seventy-five (75) gross acres. Assembling the Property ensures the area will be an integrated community and not a series of separate "wildcat" subdivisions having historically taken place in this area.

The Property is adjacent to the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and currently unimproved. native desert land. Although vacant desert immediately surrounds the Property. neighboring communities such as Sonoran Crest. Granite Ridge and Saguaro Canyon are currently being developed.

REQUEST:

The purpose of this application is to request preliminary plat approval for twenty-five (25) lots for an approximately seventy-five (75) acre community known as Vivienda. Current zoning for the property is R1-130 ESL, per the City Zoning Map, and situated within the upper desert landform. According to the City of Scottsdale General Plan 2020, this area is designated as Rural Residential, and densities within this category are usually one house per one acre (or more) of land. Per the underlying R1-130 zoning district, the maximum density is 0.335 dwelling units per acre. Because this site is located within the upper desert landform, it is not eligible to utilize the density incentive or density transfer options within the ESLO provisions like recent development proposals in the area. However, the proposed density (0.33 dwac) complies with the underlying zoning district and the City's General Plan.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT

The Project Team has been in communication with adjacent property owners. City staff, and other stakeholders as part of this application. Refer to the Neighborhood Involvement Report for specific comments.

DESIGN:

The Project Team is committed to developing a quality community in keeping with the character of the Dynamite Foothills area and in compliance with the regulations of the City of Scottsdale Environmentally Sensitive Lands (ESL) Ordinance. To achieve an environmentally sensitive community, the Project Team utilizes amended development standards, which promotes the integration of the Development into the existing environment.

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Vivienda contains several washes and other naturally occurring environmental conditions that would be adversely impacted using traditional development techniques allowed under the RI-130 development standards. In order to protect and preserve the numerous environmental elements on the sites, the Project Team is proposing amended development standards as allowed in the Section 6.1083 in the City of Scottsdale ESL Ordinance. We offer the following justification for the request:

- 1. Natural Area Open Space (NAOS): The conceptual NAOS plan includes approximately 15.47 acres more than the total amount of NAOS required. This is an increase of approximately 52% more NAOS. (15.47 acres additional / 29.86 acres required = 51.8%)
- 2. Density: No additional density is achieved with the proposed amended development standards. The modified standards allow greater flexibility in the placement of lots and roads around the natural features. This flexibility ultimately benefits the Community and the surrounding area.
- 3. Drainage Patterns and Wildlife Corndors: The curvilinear street pattern and varied lot lines create an opportunity to manage naturally occurring drainage patterns through the site. Utilizing amended development standards minimizes the number of wash crossings and overall impact to desert compared to the traditional "gnd" development patterns.
- 4. Site Plan: The amended development standards allow creativity and environmental sensitivity in the planning of each development.
- 5. Varied Lot Configurations: The varied street alignment and lot configurations allow for a unique plan responding to the topography and drainage patterns without resorting to a "grid" pattern layout to achieve the allowed density on the site.

In addition to the ESL Ordinance, the Dynamite Foothills Character Area Plan (DFCAP) and the City of Scottsdale General Plan provide the framework for the site planning and theming of the Vivienda Community. A summary of the principles, guidelines and standards set forth by the Scottsdale's General Plan and DFCAP - Design and Performance Guidelines instrumental in the design of the Community are provided below.

The City of Scottsdale General Plan:

Preservation and Environmental Planning:

 Commitment to preserving the Sonoran Desert and mountains for the purpose of maintaining scenic views, ensuring protected habitats for wildlife and desert plants, and providing appropriate access for passive outdoor recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.



Character and Design:

- Rural/Rural Desert Character Types
 - O The identity and natural desert character of this district are be strengthened and maintained by preventing encroachment of nonconforming uses and architectural styles, protecting open spaces and vistas, encouraging conservation of desert vegetation, building low profile structures, discouraging walls, and limiting road access.
 - o Preserve the natural character of the land and natural drainage corndors.
 - Maintain desert vegetation in the form of common open-space areas and/or on individual lots.
 - The impacts of development on desert preservation are minimized through clustering, preserving washes, and the use of natural buffers on the perimeter of developments.

Dynamite Foothills Character Area Plan - Design and Performance Guidelines:

- Lots have well defined construction envelopes so that encroachment into natural areas is minimized.
- Construction pads for individual homes respond to the natural form of the land, provide visual breaks between houses, and minimize areas, which are disturbed between pads.
- Construction envelopes are designated prior to the development of the site to
 protect the natural desert areas from construction encroachment. The natural
 desert areas will be clearly identified and preserved in the field by roping off, or
 other acceptable methodology.
- Maximum building height will be limited to twenty-four feet in accordance with the ESL Ordinance.
- Lawn areas will be surrounded by buildings or walls of at least 3 feet in height.
 Wall colors and textures will blend into the surrounding natural desert setting.
- Colors and textures of buildings shall blend into the adjacent natural desert setting.
- Indigenous and rustic types of building and plant materials are utilized at entry feature.
- Promote wildlife movement and encouraging native landscaping rather than long continuous walls.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE:

The proposed landscape architecture will compliment and be compatible with the existing vegetation. Areas disturbed by necessary construction will be revegetated to match the existing plant palette and density.



ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY:

Boloyan Archaeological Services (Boloyan) completed an archeological survey on the Property in November of 2005. No archeological remains were identified on the Property. Consequently, Boloyan has determined no significant prehistoric or historic properties are affected, and a Certificate of No Effect is recommended. However, in the unlikely event cultural remains of a significant historic, pre-historic or archeological nature are unearthed during construction, all work on the site will be halted immediately, and until such time that the Arizona State Museum is notified in accordance with ARS 41-865 and a professional archeologist has been retained to determine the archeological significance and extent of the land coverage.

INFRASTRUCTURE:

Access into the Community will be from 128th Street via Ranch Gate Road and will include vehicular gates or card access for residents. Several washes cross the site. Consequently, the Project Team proposes access into the community via 128th Street, at the northwest corner of the property. By doing so, the number of wash crossings is minimized and the site plan is more responsive to the existing conditions. Since the land slopes to the northeast, one lift station is proposed, redirecting the gravity fed sewer back to 128th Street, where it will connect into the proposed 8th line. Additionally, retention basins are located throughout the community and located within tracts.

CONCLUSION:

Vivienda will be developed in an environmentally sensitive manner with careful attention paid to stormwater drainage and establishment of open space. The planning and future design process will preserve open space for the enjoyment of the Community's residents as well as creating natural retention/drainage corridors.

PRELIMINARY PLAT VIVIENDA

A PORTION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, OF THE GILA AND SALT RIVER BASE AND MERIDIAN MARICOPA COUNTY ARIZONA



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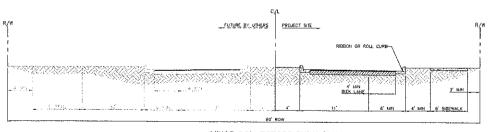
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 BEFLECTIVE BUILDING MATERIALS ARE PROHIBITED.

 TURF IS LIMITED TO ENCLOSED AREAS NOT VISIBLE TO OFFSITE OR LOWER ELEVATIONS.



MINOR COLLECTORS-RURAL/ESL SCALE: N.T.S

SITE DATA

GROSS AREA: 74.39 AC.

NUMBER OF LOTS: 25 ZONING: R1-130 ESL

NAOS (SQ. FT.): 941,807 S.F.

MINIMUM LOT AREA (SQ. FT.): 97,500 S.F.

AVERAGE LOT AREA (SQ. FT.): 119,009 S.F.

ESL LANDFORMS: UPPER DESERT

UTILITIES

WATER	CITY OF SCOTESDALE	
SEWER	CITY OF SCOTFSDALE	
FIRE	CITY OF SCOTTSDALE	
GAS	SOUTHWEST GAS	
ELECTRIC	APS	
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TRACT TABLE			
TRACT NAME	AREA (AC)	LANDUSE	
A	4.49	PRIVATE STREETS	
B	0.28	OPEN SPACE	
C	0.11	DPEN SPACE	
	0.18	WATER/SEWER EASEMENT	
E	0.36	WATER/SEWER/ROAD ACCESS EASEMENT	
F	0.45	LIFT STATION	

SHEET INDEX

COVER SHEET PRELIMINARY PLAT NAOS SHEET





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SHEET

COVER

PLAT

PRELIMINARY

128TH

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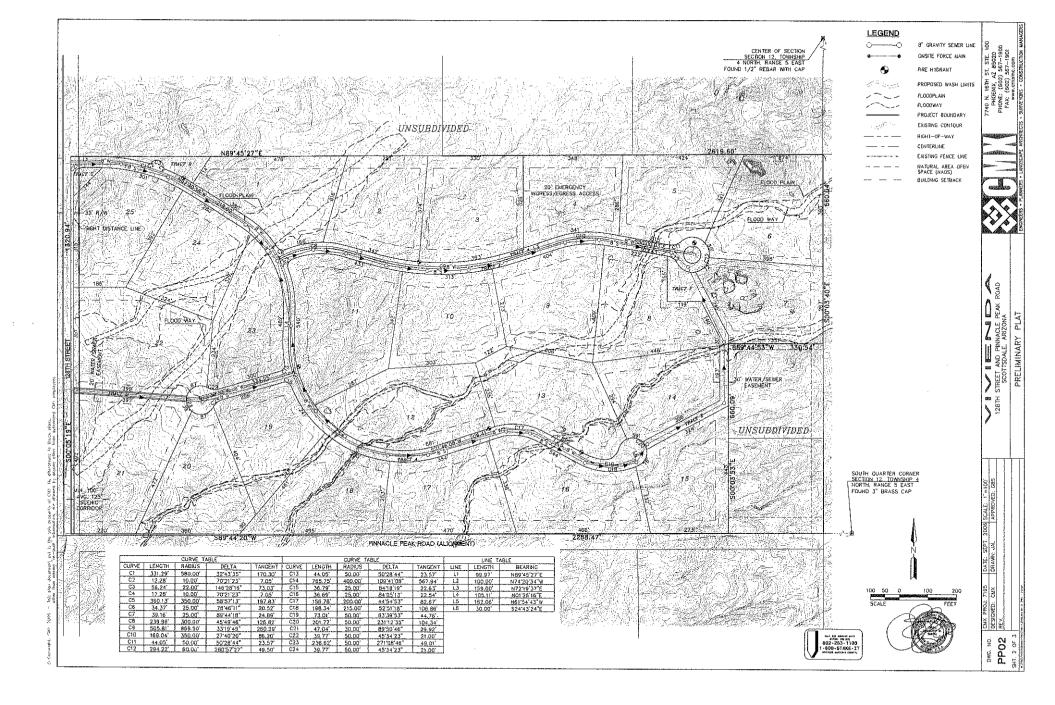
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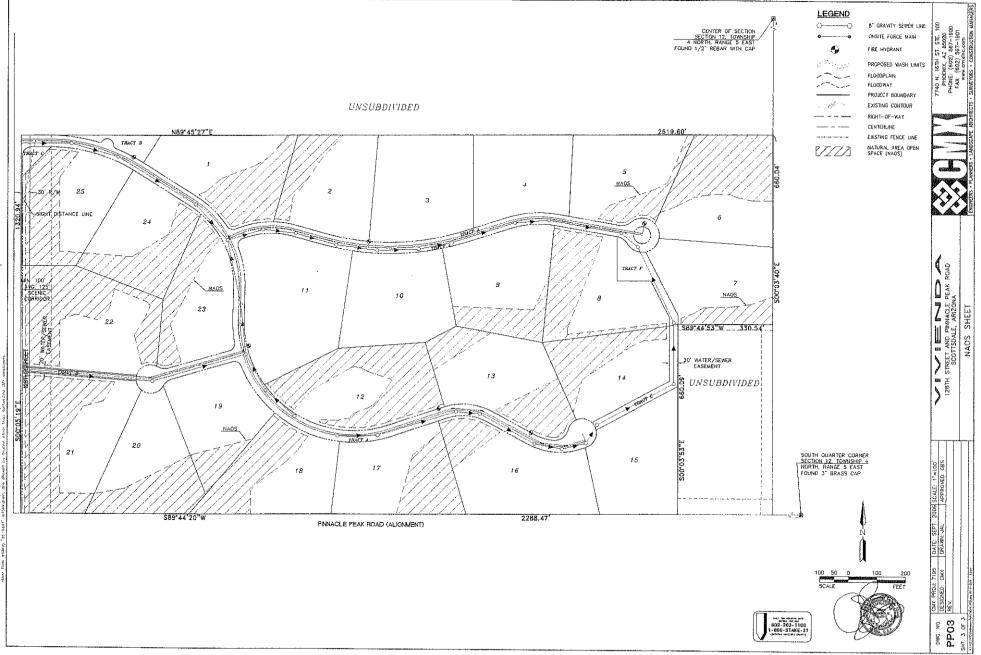
FLOOD INFORMATION

THE ENTIRE PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN ZONE "O" IN WHICH FLOOD HAZARDS ARE UNDETERMINED. ACCORDING TO CURRENT FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP 04013C1260 E, PANEL 1260 OF 4350 DATED JULY 19, 2001.

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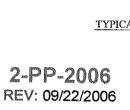


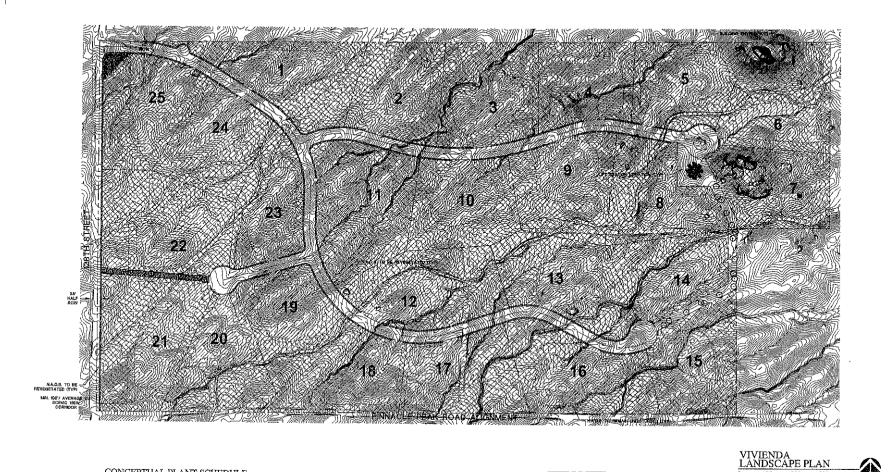


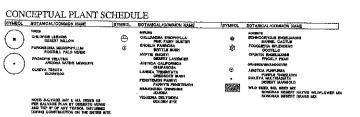
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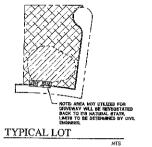
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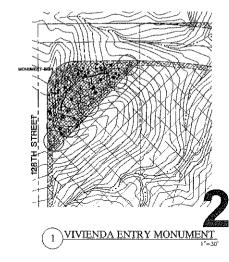


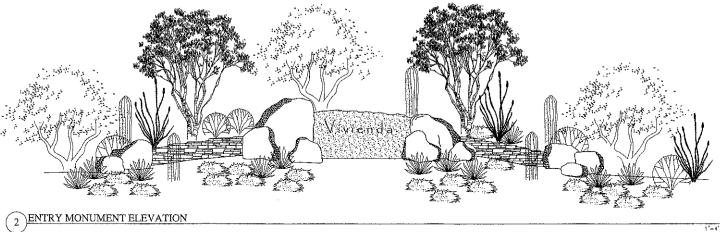
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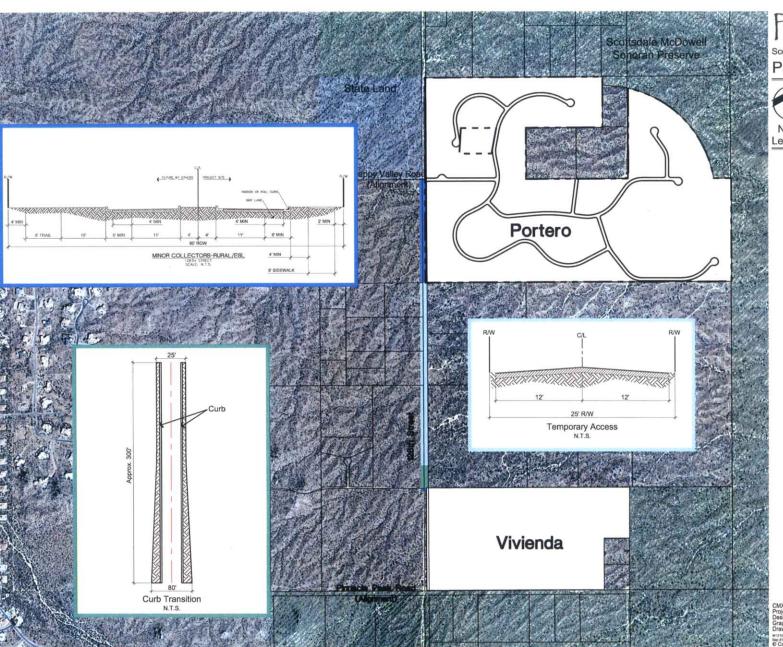
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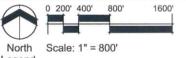
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Portero and Vivienda

Scottsdale, Arizona

Paving Plan



Legend

Project Boundary

Adjacent Parcel Lines

Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve

State Land

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